

# Senate Bill 928

Sponsored by Senators WINTERS, BATES, KRUSE, MONNES ANDERSON; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BEYER, BOQUIST, FERRIOLI, GELSER, HANSELL, JOHNSON, KNOPP, MONROE, OLSEN, RILEY, STEINER HAYWARD, THATCHER, Representatives HACK, HOYLE, OLSON, STARK

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to operate 24-hour nurse advice hotline for Oregon residents beginning January 1, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health care; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall operate a 24-hour toll-free telephone hotline for any resident of this state to call to obtain health care advice from a registered nurse.**

**(2) Registered nurses answering the hotline must have the technical, data and logistical support necessary to conduct a telephone triage and provide follow-up advice and assistance including, but not limited to:**

**(a) Referring the caller for emergency care;**

**(b) Making an appointment for the caller to see a safety net provider or other local provider;**

**(c) Advising the caller on appropriate home care; and**

**(d) Linking the caller to other social service agencies or emergency systems such as the 9-1-1 emergency reporting system, the Oregon Poison Center and the 2-1-1 system.**

**(3) The authority may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any source, whether public or private, to operate the hotline. Moneys received by the authority shall be deposited in the Oregon Health Authority Fund to be used to administer and operate the hotline.**

**SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2016.**

**SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for establishing and operating the nurse advice hotline described in section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

**SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.